

WBAI LOCAL STATION BOARD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

Voting Members Attending: Adriana Casenave, Jack DePalma, Jim Dingeman, John Hoffman, R. Paul Martin, Matt Mazza, Carolyn McIntyre, Darryl McPherson, Berthold Reimers, Cerene Roberts, James Sagurton, Geoffrey Stern, Neale Vos, Michael D.D. White, M. Kay Williams

Also Attending: Mario Mastrandea, Alejandrina (Ali) Murphy, Nancy Saibara-Noritomi,

Agenda: Approved at last meeting

- 1. Call to order 7:00 PM ET**
- 2. General Manager's presents draft FY22 Budget (145 minutes)**
- 3. Set next meeting date (5 minutes)**
- 4. Adjourn no later than 9:30 PM ET**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm ET, a quorum being present, and Chair R. Paul Martin being present.

Reminders:

Pacifica Bylaws, Article Seven, Section 3. Specific Powers and Duties

Each LSB, acting as a standing committee of the Foundation's Board of Directors, shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities related to its specific radio station, under the direction and supervision of the Foundation's Board of Directors:

- A. To review and approve that station's budget and make quarterly reports to the Foundation's Board of Directors regarding the station's budget, actual income and expenditures ...

"According to the Motion passed by the LSB on March 12, 2014:

Whereas people attending any Pacifica/WBAI governance meetings are not required to identify themselves, and whereas there has recently been a question concerning the criteria for establishing attendance at a local Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of becoming a member of that committee, therefore:

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the LSB that in the local Finance Committee that the sole criterion for establishing attendance at meetings to become a member shall be the signing in on the official sign-in sheet for that meeting. The committee may not determine its own membership through any other means."

During the pandemic, when we are meeting virtually or by teleconference and there is no sign in sheet, it is sufficient to let the chair know of your presence by your legal name at some point during the meeting. If you attend 3 consecutive meetings, you have voting member status. If you have more than 2 unexcused absences, you lose voting status until you again attend 3 consecutive meetings. You may request an excused absence by email in advance of the meeting at which you will be absent. Attending 3 or more hours of meetings per month also qualifies as volunteer time and BAI Member status.

Finally: Participants in the teleconference need to remember to press *6 to mute themselves to suppress distracting background noises. If they want to talk, they can press *6 to unmute themselves.

The following agenda item was then discussed:

General Manager's presents draft FY22 Budget (145 minutes)

Berthold Reimers presented and discussed his draft FY22 Budget, which he had sent to the membership in advance. It is again a deficit budget. He shared his opinion that BAI had already made all the cuts it could make and needed to increase revenue.

The committee discussed many aspects of the Budget and BAI's deficit.

Motion: (R. Paul Martin) 9:22 pm To send the budget to the LSB as is, without recommending it, and let the LSB decide whether to pass it on to the NFC (National Finance Committee).

Point of Information: (Cerene Roberts) 9:23 pm When will the NFC take it up?

Answer from PNB delegates present, not until November.

Amendment: (Cerene Roberts) 9:25 pm To meet again in 2 weeks and in the meantime to take a look at the budget and make our own cuts before we pass it on to the LSB.

The Amendment was discussed. It was pointed out that 2 weeks conflicted with the LSB meeting and the SOB Fundraiser event. Cerene accepted a friendly amendment to her amendment, to meet again in 3 weeks, on 10-19-22, for the same purpose.

Motion: (Nancy Saibara-Noritomi) 9:39 pm To extend the time for this discussion until 10 pm.

The committee discussed the motion and it passed without objection.

The committee continued discussing R. Paul's Motion and Cerene Roberts Amendment.

The question was called and a roll call vote was taken. With 6 for, 4 against, and 4 abstentions, the amendment passed at 10:04 pm for meeting again in 3 weeks, on 10-19-22 at 7 pm to discuss making our own budget cuts. R. Paul's motion was then tabled.

The following agenda item was tabled as it had already been discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date (5 minutes)

Adjourned at 10:05 pm (ET)

Submitted by M. Kay Williams, Secretary